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PERILS OF THE WILDERNESS.

Among the early settlers of Kentucky was a man by the name of James Kelly, who, with his family, consisting of his wife and two small children, removed thither from Westmoreland, Pennsylvania. Shortly after his arrival in his new home, where it had been his design the smind the mainder of his days, the incursions of the Indians became fearfully alarming. Almost daily the new adventurers were startled with the intelligence that a hunter had been killed, a family butchered, a dwelling burned, or a station had been assailed by the bold and merciless enemy; and what of course they could not know, and, as a consequence, remained in a state of constant apprehension.

to return to the paternal home.

William Kelly, in quest of his brother James, set out for the wilderness in the and while passing through a patch of · Spring of the year; and, descending the swampy ground, within sight of the Ohio, Ohio in a large cance, reached Maysville, Mrs Kelly who was a few feet in the rear Kentucky, in safety, and soon after had of her companion, suddenly uttered a sharp the pleasure of communicating with those cry of pain; and on turning to her, Mr. he sought. Both the husband and wife Barker was greatly surprised to see her intensely painful-Mr. Barker lifted her Preparations for quitting the dangerous perfectly ghastly with horror, vicinity-if not forever, at least till more - Speak! what is it?' he hurriedly and praceable times-were accordingly made; auxidusly exclaimed, but in a low, cautious and in less than a week, the whole party tone. embarked at Maysville for the upward voyage; and also, with the party in question, her hands over her-infant; 'I am lost! two men, who were desirous of returning to I am lost! Oh, save and protect my dear sist in navigating the boat as an equivalent | you !' for their passage.

the alert for danger, nothing serious oc- quickly to her side, but looking eagerly curred to our voyagers for the first two about him the while, in search of a hidden or three days,; but then some seventy-five foe. or a word of infler a ove about point of a Oh, Gad help me I cried the agenized stream, set off through the forest as fast embarkation, and while quietly rowing woman, slowly sinking down upon the along near the Virginia whore, they were ground; 'Fam bitten on the foot by a suddenly fired upon by a marry of Indians, copper head !' who were concealed belind some trees on

the bank of the river.

William Kelly, who happened at that moment to be standing up in the boat, was the instant I felt his fangs, I looked down shot through the breast, and recled; and his brother, with a cry of alarm started up become of my dear little children, when be certain; but by showing indecision at and caught him in his arms. But that act was his last; for the next instant another volley, accompained with terrific yells, was poured in by the savages, and the spirits of the brothers passed the portals of eternity grief, as he threw his little arms about his almost together.

'Oh, God! have mercy on us!' shrieked again and again, the poor wife and mother, as she frantically

by the calamity that had so suddenly come perils! Oh, God help you! God in heavupon them, now roused themselves to ac- en be merciful te you! Ab, Mr. Barker,' tion, and, seizing the ears, rowed swiftly she added, turning to him, as, with tearful for the opposite shore, every muscle and eyes, he stood motionless as a statue, lookfaculty being exerted through the incen- ing down upon the heart-rendering scene, tives of hope and fear.

The Indians soon renewed their fire : but | dren ! almost superhuman exertions of the two through any fault hf mine.' upon the bank, and darted away into the later !' was never heard of more.

'Well,' muttered the other, as for a few brief moments he stood looking at the spot | does!' where his companion had disappeared, 'The wound is not necessarily mortal, He did not, permit himself to despair, HAVE PLACED US IN POSSESION OF life is valuable to every one, and it becomes though exceedingly painful and trouble. however, but struggled forward with even us to take all reasonable care of it; but a some!' said Mr Barker. 'I have heard of greater energy, trusting all to Providence. man who deserts a friend in time of need, several being bitten, who survived and are He was doomed to many painful trials, but is a selfish coward, and not fit to live!' living yet.'

in this awful wilderness?"

· If I do, madam, may God desert me ! it.' must fly, on foot through the forest, and moment. Oh, would to heaven that I had portray? Wounded almost unto death by endeavor to reach Gallipolis by daylight had the foresight to provide ourselves with the bite of a venomous serpet; the limb so the moment of the mom to-morrow morning, and the distance is a food-before quitting the boat! I might swoller as to be useless and producing the good thirty miles. The Indians will doubt then have ventured to secrete and leave excruciating physical pain; left unprotected

through the darkness can save us.'

the other, a little boy of five, clinging wild- murderous savage, may I not hope that ere dren nestling to her bosom—the one sobbing ly to her dress.

shore, leaving the dead bodies of the two possible!' Kellys where they had fallen, and even forsmothering her little infant, to keep its saved.' cries from drawing down swift destruction | After some further discussion of the nat- flicted woman ? upon the whole party.

for the safety of his son, to persuade him chances of escape for the fugitives by more than double the time they had lost.

were rejoiced at seeing their relative, and standing still, her eyes fixed glaringly on at once consented to return with him .- the ground before her, and her features upon; and then, with many a kindly and

'Oh!' cried the poor woman, clasping

'In heaven's name, Mrs. Kelly, what do Though continually apprehensive, and on you mean?' demanded the other, stepping

Ah! cried Barker, turning pale with ilarm; 'are you sure?'

'Alas! too sure! groaned the other; 'for and saw him darting away. Oh ! what will their poor mother is dead and gone?'

. Oh, mamma, mamma, you musn't die oh, dear, dear mamma, you musn't die! cried the little boy, with a wil! burst of mother's neck, and kissed her fervently from those it was his hope to save,

'Oh, my poor little James! what will clasped her little children to her breast become of you and your dear little sister ?' his quitting the creek the second time, a and sunk back, faint in body and sick at sobbed the agonized mother. 'Your father party of a dozen armed and hideous savages dead, your mother dying, and you so help- stood upon the spot and made a hurried ex-The two men, though almost paralyzed less in this great wilderness, surrounded by amination; and then, with a short, sharp, 'you will surely try and save my chil-

thick wood. To the calls of his surprised 'No, no, no, mamma!' cried little James, and his foes; and in the morning much companion he returned no answer, but sped clinging as wildly around that fond moth- to his horror, discovered he had lost his away like a madman, as perhaps he was, and er's neck as if he expected to be rudely and way, and that his chances of evading his

'Oh, sir! Mr. Barker!' cried Mrs. Kel- 'Oh, spend not the precious time in reached the settlement of Gallipolis in an ders, &c, in quantity and vatiety; ly, starting up wildly, as she comprehend- building up for me a false hope! but take almost famished condition. Here he at ed that one of the two men, who should my children and fly, before the pursuing once related his thrilling story, and urged have remained to protect her and her hope savage are upon us all !' cried the almost a party to set off for the rescue of Mis. less little ones, had ignominiously fied to distracted mother. 'I cannot escape, wheth- Kelly and her children, if hapy they might save himself; 'you will not desert me and er you remain or not. Already I am sufa yet be living. Volunteers in the cause of my poor children, and leave us to perish fering great pain, and the poisoned limb is humanity were never wanting among early even now swelling so that I cannot use settlers and in less than two hours from

was the assuring and emphatic rejoinder. | But I cannot believe the wound will ing it in a keel boat in company with thir No, no, poor wo man ! have no fear that prove fatal, returned the other; and the ty armed and determined men. harm shall come to you ere it does to me idea of deserting you is so repugnant to But. oh? the sufferings of that poor But we have no time to waste here! We my nature, that I cannot entertain it for a mother meantime what pen of language can

suffering mother. 'If the bite of the rep- ling around and equally wild and savage rough the davaness can save us.

The does not kill me, I shall not starve to murderous human beings upon her track leaping upon the bank as death under four or five days; and if I her husband and his brother two ghastly

tain succor in the shortest possible time.

rapidly, turned a coppery, hue and become to their aid. in his arms and bore her to the spot agreed hopeful word spoken, a quivering lip and tearful eye, he bade her farewell, and has-

tened away upon his own p rilous journey. With the thoughfulness of an experienced woodsman, which he was not-and the daring of a brave and noble man, which in truth he was-Mr Barker, believing the Inthe older settlements, and who were to as children, Mr. Barker, and God will bless dians to be already in pursuit, hastened back to the creek; and thence to the point where the trial of himself and companions had been broken by the water. Here he joined the original trail; ran up the creek a few paces and back again, as if uncertain what course to take and then crossing the

as his limbs could carry him. This whole proceeding, however was a ruse, and arcse from calculation and not indecision. Should the saveges follow on to where the trail was broken, Mr. Barke argued that they would continue the search up and down the creek till it should be found and then the capture of Mrs. Kelly would that point, and permitting his own trail to again lead off boldly, he reasoned that the Indians hoping to overtake him speedily, would follow on regardless of the others, and thus he would draw the enemy away

The result proved that Mr. Barker reasoned correctly, for within an hour of exultant whoop, they bel eved them to be a most within their g asp

That same day, just as the shade of evening were stealing over the great gloomy forest the foremost Indian caught a glimpse of the fugitive, and imprudently for his own purpose announced the fact to his compandistance had been gained meantime by the 'I will try and save you all,' he rep'ied, ions by a whoop and a disharge of his musescaping party, and none of their shots rousing himself to sudden action. You ket. Barker thus warned of his great dantook effect. In a few minutes, through the yourself must not die, and shall not ger, immediately darted away with the fleetness which fear lent to desire and was men, the boat touched the Ohio bank; and Oh, think not of me! but fly with my saved from his pursuers by the darkness, then one of the two, who had been almost little ones, ere it be too late, and leave me which soonconcealed both him and his trail. frightened out of his senses, leaped wildly here to perish, as perish I must, sooner or He travelled all night regardless of anything except to put distance between himself ruthlessly torn away; 'no, no, no, mamma! enemies preserving himself from starvation, I'll not leave you, if everybody else and reaching Gallipolis were so few as to

scarcely to keep alive hope. survived them all and on the fourth day Saw Files, Cast Hollow Ware, Pots, Ovens and Spi- the City. Published every Saturday by Barker's arrival at Gallipolis, he was leav-

less swim the river, and get upon our trail you long enough to go for help!' and chained to the earth in the great ere night, and then nothing but flight, 'And why not do so now?' rejoiced the gloomy forest with wild savage beasts prow and chained to the earth in the great

Selected for the Spirit of the Age. _she spoke, with one child in her arms, and can be successfully concealed from the bloody corpse behind her; her two little chilthen you will return with assistance and with grief and fear and hunger and yet ever Mr. Barker caught up the little fellow, rescue me? Oh, then, act upon that hope, and anon, with his little hands clasped toand led the way, af a hurried pace, through Mr Barker, and, with my little ones under gether and his eyes upturned to heaven the thick, tangled bushes that lined the your care, make your escape as speedily as praying God to save dear mama, Jenny and himself'-and the other sleeping nurs-' Nay, I dare not trust myself with your ing or playing in innocent glee unconscious getting in his haste to take with him either children under the circumstances,' replied of danger : with all this to rack the soul his ring in his haste to take with that cities. Barker ! 'for burdened williem, my and body of the poor mother beyond the tearing madly through the thicket to the chances of reaching Gallipolis would be much tortures of an inquisition—what, let us more open wood; and close behind him lessened; and on my getting there quickly ask but the imagination of a loving parent, pressed the poor widowed mother, half depends mainly your own hope of being can even faintly shadow forth the terrible misery then and there endured by that af-

When some three or four miles had thus take the part of Mr. Barker-because of Mr. Barker. might return with help or a moment their own doom might be scaled, been gained, Mr. Barker, fearing the In- his deep and pure affection for his mother, passing boat might give them succor. Each dians were already on their trail, thought it and his natural dread of being separated morning, after a lone terrible night of agoadvisable to pass down the bed of a small from the only being whose love would give ny, was greeted by Mrs. Kelly as a day of creek, even at the sacrifice of much valua- her life for his in this great cold world—it deliverance. Every day the little boy was News of this terrible state of affairs hav- ble time. In this way the trail was so was decided that Mrs. Kelly and her two sent to the river's bank, to hail the passing ing reached the father of Mr. Kelly, in broken as to give any pursuing party much children should be secreted in a dense paw- boats and when, weat with hunger and Westmoreland, he became greatly alarmed trouble and perplexity, and increase the paw thicket not far from the Ohio, and with- dispirited for want of success, he would rein sight of where the party then was, and turn to his mother and report that another the inequiarity and uncertainty of transportation, there remain trusting themselves solely to boat had gone by, the crew of which in an tor the Field and Fireside at Augusta, Ga, the Soon after leaving the creek, however, should push forward to Gallipolis and ob- as an 'Indian decoy,' that mother would to Raleigh and combined these two sterling Literary still speak words of encouragement and hope As Mrs. Kelly was by this time unable and declare, with a sinking sickened heart, the Southern Field and Fireside and will be so pubto walk—the poisoned limb having swollen that the very next crew would come lished until the state of the country will justify a

> Thus passed three horrible nights, and four horrible days; and when ghastly famine had nearly accomplished its fatal work, the good God moved the hearts of a suspicious crew to venture to the shore and learn the painful truth. Then they, were all take n on board, treated kindly, and g'ven food, and two hours later the rescuing keel boat appeared in sight, took them from their first deliverers, and bore them to a place of safety. All survived their terrible trials; and from the lips of the children, in later years, were gathered the thrilling incidents we have so briefly chronicled.

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